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My dear Gray

Recd your letter yesterday evening - you are right about *Haplophyllum* buds Wright's specimens we have good ones of the typical broadleaved form elliptic leafiness n. 250 a rather more pubescent form from Cuba (*Echites caerulea* la Boga) and one quite like Wright's Guatemala Bernoulli n. 977 but I could only examine a single rather old flower and mistook the polleniferous part of the anthers for the empty appendage which they ought to have had if the plant had been correctly placed with *Echitedea* - It certainly goes to *Plumeria* next *Holostemma* with much of the *Amsonia* habit

As to *Echites deformis* we have plenty of good specimens both in flower and fruit and it is certainly very near both to *Securidaca* and *Wachelopodium* without quite the characters of either - the shape of the seed

and the cones are different from those
of *Trachelopermium* ^{and more than of *Secodontia*} the shape of the
cordilla nearer to *Secodontia* than
to *Trachelopermium*. The two genera
are evidently allied to each other but if
distinct I cannot but think that *P. defflorius*
comes nearer to *Secodontia* than to
Trachelopermium.

As to Gen. Pl. the Part II vol II weighs
exactly 2 lbs without a wrapper so that
to send it by post rather than divide it
in two we might take off the lining
board of the sides and then it would
admit of a wrapper which I think would
be better - but is not there some other
way of sending it cheaper by post?

Yours very sincerely
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